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RE: Public Hearing

To the Honorable Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

I oppose H.B. 6595 as this bill is more restrictive than the town of Oxford where I reside relative to the discharge of firearms near a private residence. I especially oppose the requirement to get someone else's permission for lawful activities on my own private property.

I oppose S.B. 1076 for the following reasons:

Sec 32(a)

Retail purchases of firearms in Connecticut are recorded by the seller with the state. All information required under this proposal is already on file. This is another example of unnecessary redundancy and wasteful spending.

Sec 34(10)

My firearms are my personal property, the government has no right to restrict my decision to loan them to qualified individuals (i.e. sportsmen)

Sec 34 (13)

There is no provision for the possession of my firearms in the event I am hospitalized or have any need to be away from home for more than 14 days.

Sec 35(4)

My occupation and employer information is not relevant and constitutes a breach of privacy.

Sec 40

In the event a registration is revoked and the state of Connecticut requires the surrender of a firearm there is no provision to reimburse the owner for the fair market value of the firearm. My comment is not meant to reference a revocation due to conviction of a crime.

General

I do not have to register my motor vehicle annually, why my firearms annually? Clearly this is a proposed new revenue stream and/or an attempt to tax law-abiding citizens out of their firearms.

The need to arm the Department of Motor Vehicles has not been demonstrated.

The attempt to keep firearms out of the hands of the mentally ill is a good start.

NONE of the proposals in these or any of the other bills would have prevented the shooting in Sandy Hook. They only serve to further restrict and financially burden law-abiding citizens.

As our elected officials you must go back to the drawing board, you must do better. You have sworn an oath to protect and defend the Constitution, you are violating that oath through your attempts of excessive taxation and wanton disregard of the second amendment. You are creating a privileged class.

We are not Europe, nor do we wish to be. Honorable citizens will not allow the constitution to be usurped by the whims of men.

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